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SUBJECT: GLIGOROV STOPS IN PEKING

1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA HAVE GIVEN ONLY BAREST COVERAGE OF STOPS MADE BY YUGOSLAV PARTY (LCY) DELEGATION HEADED BY EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEMBER KIRO GLIGOROV IN PEKING ON WAY TO AND FROM MARCH 1-8 VISIT TO PYONGYANG. NO CONVERSATIONS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS MENTIONED. YUGOSLAVS USUALLY VERY PRONE TO PLAY UP AIRPORT STATEMENTS AND CEREMONIES, AND MEAGER REPORTS MAY INDICATE YUGO DESIRE TO AVOID IRRITATING SOVIET FRIENDS BY DOWNPLAYING LCY-PRC CONTACTS, PARTICULARLY DURING TIME OF CHINESE DOMESTIC UNCERTAINTY. YUGOSLAV-CHINESE RELATIONS SEEM TO HAVE SLIPPED INTO RELATIVE INACTIVITY AND OBSCURITY IN RECENT MONTHS.

2. DESPITE CONSIDERABLE LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF GLIGOROV TALKS WITH NORTH KOREAN LEADERS, INCLUDING PARTY CHIEF KIM IL SUNG, COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED HERE CONTAINS LITTLE NOTEWORTHY BESIDES EXPRESSION OF "FULL LCY SUPPORT TO KOREAN PEOPLE IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR PEACEFUL

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REUNIFICATION OF KOREA" AND LCY AGREEMENT THAT US

TROOPS "MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH KOREA".
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